ILLIES TO FORCE IRMED SHIP RULE

Yulcain, Here with Rapid Fire Gun, To Be Made Test Case.

WILSON HAS EVADED GIVING DECISION

ance Expected to Refuse Asurance Obtained for Italian Vessels.

ert since the beginning of the war. to armed British ships have arrived nce September, 1914, because of an formal agreement with the British mment. It has been expected for ng American ports hence

The Tribune presents here the third of a series of short articles on American preparedness which will appear in The Tribune daily. Their occuracy is vouched for by a ranking officer in the United States Army and a ranking officer in the United States Navy. The Tribune believes them to be the clearest and most striking account of our national defences yet written.

Are We Prepared?

NON-EXISTENT SHIPS BECAUSE UNREADY.

T the present day a navy is of value for A defensive purpose only if it is ready in both material and in personnel for immediate action. If Winston Churchill had not kept the British navy in such a state of preparation that it could sail to sea on twelve hours' notice. England would now be a conquered province of the German Empire. If England had found it necessary to take even sixty days to put her fleet in order. the German fleet would have bombarded the towns of northern France, the Germans would have reached Paris: the German fleet controlling the Channel, the Germans could have landed an army of 500,000 men in England before England could have mobilized more than 200,000 soldiers. England's existence to-day is due not only to the fact that she had a great navy, but that she had it ready to move at once.

As Rear Admiral Knight has stated, "A ship which is laid up for repairs is, for all practical purposes of defence, practically non-existent." The rest of a fleet will be defeated before the ships "in ordinary" or have six.

Assigned to Discover and

Plug State Department

News Leaks.

"in reserve" can be made ready to be of any

value to the fleet. Of our thirty-three battleships, twelve are already in one or another of the three useless classes, and all of the twenty-one remaining are not by any means in first class condition. Many of them are continuously in naval hospitals. Of those in actual commission, ten only are ships of the first line and eleven of the second line. Of the ten of the first line, two are so out of date that they are to be relegated to the second line within three months.

So by March, 1916, we had only eight first class battleships in the entire American navy, and not one of these battleships has a a speed of more than 221/2 knots, not one has a gun that can be elevated more than fifteen degrees and every one is weighted down with over-heavy armor.

To man our ships in time of war with the smallest possible crews would require 72,500 men. We have 53,000. Our torpedo boats have but two officers each. They should

Teutons, Like Phantoms, POLK TO SEAL WILSON SECRETS Mowed Down in Gas Fog

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in half circles back and forth along their lines with a slow, deliberate motion, like a reaper garnering grain in yellow August fields. But our gium erop was the grey-clad German soldiers.

monsieur, and on our end of the line we might have been there yet.

their third wave reached our trenches on the right. We had to withdraw then, so as not to be surrounded, and when the fourth German wave came

"But it was not long they had to breathe. As we fell slowly back through the woods our reserves came up on the run with bayonets and deal The assignment of this task to Mr. knives, and I went back with them to meet the Germans again. It was

o hand with the bayonet and Those Germans fought well, GERMANS IN ROUT

proval of high officials. When this is suppery

"WE SHALL WIN," FRANCE'S SMILE MERCIER SAID UNVEILED BY BOIS Accused of Making Unfavorable TRAP FOR SHIPS

Confidence of Nation,

Says the Author.

People, with Kaiser-Calls

Latter Man of Discord.

Text of Cardinal's Letter War's Tears Cannot Hide That Angered Germans Received in London.

WARNS AMERICA BELGIANS TOLD OF TEUTON MENACE OF ALLIES' PLEDGE

No Peace Until Belgium Has Re- Compares Briand. One of the covered Entire Independence and Indemnity.

pastoral letter, which evoked a remonstrance from Governor General von Bissing last month, has just been received here. After expressing joy at America, at the home of Mrs. Philip Dardanelles which was unfavorable to

dinal says:

"There are many things which I cannot say. You will understand that the abnormal position prevents me from laying before you openheartedly exactly what is in my soul, and what would be, if I could speak, of the strongest comfort. But you will not doubt my word when I say that my journey to Rome has been specially pleased, and that I return happy, yers.

duced him, supplemented it in francia mushevich lassistant viceroy of Caucasus) had confiscated all the previous francians and the more than 40,000 Armenians at Errerum, and the more than 40,000 Armenians had be willed by Russians."

In his introductory remarks Mr. Root said that the one bright spot in the sombre lessons America had learned from the great war was the wonderful revelation of the true character of the previous confiscated all the previous c

themselves to make no peace until Bel-gium has recovered her entire inde-pendence and been largely indemnified. Italy in turn has adhered to this pledge. Our future is not in doubt, but we must be prepared for it."

pentedly and fruitlessly stormed the defence positions which they had lost letter of protest from Governor Genin Caillette wood.

"During our attacks on April 2 we ing Cardinal Mercier to desist from cantured in unwanted

submarine in a convious that in self-defence, when it is obvious that in self-defence, when the intentions to do this it will be necessary to make a suddent that the printer who printed cardinal properties of the state of course, the "secret as a matter of course, the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret as the secret as the foot of the secret

SAZONOFF ASSAILED FINDS NORTH SEA

Agreements with Britain.

Minister Sazonoff was made in the Rus-Markoff," says the Overseas News Agency. "The statement was made by M. Markoff that all questions at issue between Russia and Great Britain were decided against Russia. He urged the TUGS GUIDED LINER government to make the following de-

to the Dardanelles.

straits, Constantinople, Adrianople and a large part of Asia Minor, Galicia and Armenia and Trebizond to belong to

PUT UNDER UNION JACK

revelation of the true character of the American Here Describes Taking of Two Submersibles.

The Holy Father's kindness was touching. From the moment of my arrival in Rome he took me in his arms and allowed me to tell him everything to confide everything in him, to think aloud before him. Paternally he consoled, enlightened and encouraged melle understands and shares our care for our religious liberties and our patriotism."

Turning to the position of Belgium, the Cardinal describes the acciamations with which the mention of Belgium was received everywhere on his journey. He continues:

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ats were marched through the streets dam, from service because the risk of

"Peace feeling has undergone a radical change in England since I was there, six months ago. Then Germany could have had peace on reasonable terms. But now the British building sprit is beginning to awaken, and there will be no peace, until Germany's suicit with the firemen whose strike delayed the Nieuw Amsterdam's saling a day did not ask for more wages, the captain said, but refused at first to sail because they feared for their lives. "We were scheduled to sail Wednesday, the 22d," he said, "and the firemen

dent Wilson in the case of the German military and naval attaches at Washington and request the recall of the German aerial bombardment at the German aerial bombardment. The Socialist delegation in the Federal Council to-day interpellated the government as to the insufficiency of the Swiss frontier defences against the Swiss frontier defences against the last two years at Vevey.

MYERS CASE BAFFLES POLICE

warrior of mysticism, a man unbalanced and ateur and professional detectives who will be a guest at their home, on unjust. In a single phrase, Altruism is contesting against Egoism.

In closing, M. Bois said that France's smile for her enemy is one of defiance and disdain, for suffering soldiers on both sides her smile is one of pity, and in her home at East Orange and disdain, for suffering soldiers on both sides her smile is one of pity, and in her home at East Orange and disdain, for suffering soldiers on both sides her smile is one of pity, and in her home at East Orange and disdain, for suffering soldiers on both sides her smile is one of pity, and in her home at East Orange and in her home at east east orange and in her home at East Orange and in her home at

lle, N. Y.).-"An attack on Foreign Nieuw Amsterdam's Skipsian Douma by the Conservative, M. per Says U-Boat Menace Is Steadily Growing.

PAST DANGER ZONE

"Russia to receive full control of the Firemen. Afraid to Sail, Struck at First-De Koven Returns with New Opera.

Captain Van den Heuvel was in con mand of the Ryndam of the same line

enthusiastic over the book of

AT DOUAUMONT

in Caillette wood.

"During our attacks on April 2 we captured in unwounded prisoners 19 officers and 745 men and eight machine gans.

"After powerful artillery preparation nonneed on March 29 that M. Lancin, the British have taken possession of the crater south of St. Eloi, which we took from them on the 28th of March."

Fighting on the remainder of the front is thus reported in the Paris statement:

"After powerful artillery preparation nunced on March 29 that M. Lancin, private secretary to Cardinal Mercier, and been arrested.

A Berne dispatch on March 29, warning or March 29, warning or the law to March 21 the properties of the end of their velopment, while democracy is at beginning of its evolution.

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